

Urban Trails Committee
Minutes – November 12, 2019

Present: Orin Zyvan, David Lehmann, Shana Wade, Dr. Kristin Heumann, Sarah Johnson, Andy Gingrich, Devon Balet, Steve Meyer

Not Present:

Also Present: Lance Gloss, Associate Planner for the City of Grand Junction, Vara Kursal, Horizon Drive Business Improvement District, Kristen Ashbeck, Community Developer for the City of Grand Junction, Lloyd Chittenden, public, Chuck McDaniels – City Council member, Tamra Allen, Community Developer Director for the City of Grand Junction, Greg Caton, City Manager for Grand Junction, Trent Prall, City of Grand Junction Engineer, David Thornton, Michele Rohrbach, One Riverfront Staff

The meeting was called to order by Orin Zyvan at 5:30 pm at City Hall.

Announcements – Bike Month intern - Kelsey Fife with the Mesa County Health Department will be appointing one in the near future. Orin explained what Kelsey hopes to have the intern more involved in the Community Streets event. Orin will get the intern job description out to all members. Sarah added that there is the possibility of looking at the bigger picture. Discussed having two events during bike month and the number of volunteer hours that would be involved.

Gary stated exit interviews have been added to the Google drive for the four past members/staff that have left - Max Schmidt, Biz Collins, Kathy Partner and Paul Jagim. Gary said it's in template form and hopes it will live on after all current members have retired.

Classroom seminar on graffiti removal at CMU – David will send out the info.

One Riverfront will be closed starting November 12 through November 25th.

David, Chris Dombkowski and John Hodge have been working on a map, will be an agenda item at a later date.

Andy stated he passed the AICP (American Institute of Certified Planners).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Consideration of October 8, 2019 minutes
Page two, Sarah was confused about the contiguous La Plata properties and wanted to know what it meant. Michele stated she typed it verbatim from what Jane Quimby said. Kristin added that they were the two smaller developments surrounding the 640 acres. Page three, La Plata has too many "a"s.
Chris Dombkowski's last name was misspelled.

Action: Kristin motioned to approve the minutes with corrections mentioned above. Steve seconded. Motion was approved.

Date of Urban Trails Committee meeting and conflict for Lance. Group reviewed the available dates. Second Wednesday was agreed upon. Kristin motioned to amend Article 8 to read that the meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm. Shana second. Motion was approved. City Council will need to approve and Lance will let the group know if December meeting will be held on Wednesday.

Updates:

Colorado Parks and Wildlife – Trent stated the Parks and Rec Director, City Manager, and himself met with CPW and they are still working a few things out and who to report back to UTC in December or January. Greg stated that the City is putting forward options that could become a template for other areas within the state.

Group asked if there is anywhere in the state where doing something similar where walkers and bikers must pay an entrance fee, yes, Chatfield bills the surrounding HOAs for residents to enter the park.

Greg said that he has concerned that CPW isn't coming up with solutions and can't give a reason as to what they are trying to achieve.

Will put on the December agenda.

Riverfront at Dos Rios to Downtown Bike-Ped Bridge – Trent updated on Las Colonias and that their first tenant will be having a groundbreaking on Friday.

He explained what the area looked like before clean up and the proposed Riverfront at Dos Rios – original had proposed kids Bike Park, commercial development for clamping. Current project under construction should be completed in the next three to four weeks.

Connectivity is really important from downtown Main Street to the Riverfront at Dos Rios. There will be a design charrette on 2nd Street Promenade connection. They are proposing a bike-ped bridge. It would be similar to the elevator at Glenwood's depot. It would align into the proposed Plaza at Dos Rios. Trent stated working with CDOT regarding Ute and Pitkin with signals and crosswalks to help make it more user friendly.

He went over the schedule and funding with total costs being \$3.5 million and where the funds would come from.

Kristin asked about CDOT and their willingness to work on the crosswalks at Ute and Pitkin since there was such an issue on North Avenue.

Gary asked how the wayfinding will tie into this project. Greg said the City is working on branding and feels that the wayfinding will dovetail into the branding process.

Greg stated that the DDA wants connectivity from downtown to Las Colonias.

Orin expressed concerns about project being overlooked and communication issue, especially now that Paul has left and with the City funding passed, what projects could be overlooked with short staff and overworked staff.

Andy suggested a UTC workshop to work on UTC's advisory and their role in implantation of ongoing projects.

Kristin stated that there is the three tier priority list and that the Dos Rios wasn't on the list and perhaps need to revisit the priority list. She also mentioned when she attended the CDOT meeting they wanted to make sure people could get to 6 & 50 and 1st.

Trent said the City has been working on getting 3-4 additional feet of bike lanes when doing overlay projects when it makes sense.

Passage of 2A – Trent showed the 11 proposed projects proposed and what each would include. Trent stated all of them will be complete streets and have curb, gutters and crosswalks and not have to work with CDOT.

Comprehensive Plan - Dave invited everyone to the Comprehensive Plan openhouse at Two Rivers on November 19th at 6:30pm.

Other Business/Public Comment –

Public Comments – Lloyd asked what the proposed date for the December meeting.

Vara said she got a phone call from a hotel that all three crosswalks lights were flashing and people were using the crosswalks.

Trent stated that met with the Corps and Fish and Wildlife after viewing the failing trail and have changed their turn from last time.

9th and 10th bulbouts bids were opened today, no locals, they are just too busy. Bid was too expensive so will repackage for next year.

David asked if Lance has received vendors surveys, need to get on Google drive.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.